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Dear Mr. Omelchuk,

Thank you for your letter to Premier Doug Ford regarding the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program. I appreciate you taking the time to share the concerns and aspirations of Ontario's Ukrainian community.

As you know, the federal government introduced the CUAET initiative to support Ukrainians and their families by offering temporary status to work, study, and stay in Canada. Ontario has supported this initiative and we continue to work with the federal government to convey the concerns of the Ukrainian community and explore solutions that provide pathways for them to remain in Canada.

The Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP) is an economic immigration program that selects candidates who meet provincial labour market needs for permanent residence. While there is no dedicated pathway for CUAET applicants, the Expression of Interest (EOI) system includes scoring factors that may support them. It awards 10 points for a valid work permit, three points for having worked six months or more in the job offer position, and additional points for earnings in Canada within a year. For more information, please visit the [OINP expression of interest system streams webpage](#).

If you have submitted an application to the OINP and your CUAET permit is nearing expiry, please contact the program through [the OINP Webform](#). For information on extending your stay in Canada, visit the [immigration measures and support for Ukrainians webpage](#).

Individuals with Canadian work experience may also qualify for federal immigration pathways by completing a profile in the [Express Entry](#) system. Candidates with high scores based on skills, education, and English or French language proficiency may be invited to apply for permanent residence.

It is strongly recommended that you contact Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) directly to explore your options. You can contact the [IRCC support centre](#), submit an inquiry through their [Webform](#) or call 1-888-242-2100.

Thank you again for writing. We value your feedback and will consider it as we continue to refine the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Piccini".

David Piccini
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development

c: The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario